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# **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

# SECTION B: CONTRACT TYPE, SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COST

- **B.1** The District of Columbia Retirement Board ("Board") is seeking a vendor to provide qualified temporary Human Resources/Data Technicians to review and enter human resource information into the PeopleSoft System.
- **B.2** The Board contemplates award of a firm fixed price contract.

# **B.3** Price Schedule

# B.3.1 Base Period (Six Months)

Contract Line Item No. (CLIN)	Item Description	Price Per Unit	Estimated Quantity	Total Estimated Price
CLIN 0001	Human Resources/Data Technician	\$ per Hour	4	\$
Grand Total for B.3.1				\$

# B.3.2 Option Period One (Six Months)

Contract Line Item No. (CLIN)	Item Description	Price Per Unit	Estimated Quantity	Total Estimated Price
CLIN 0001	Human Resources/Data Technician	\$ per Hour	4	\$
Grand Total for B.3.2				\$

# B.3.3 Option Period Two (Six Months)

Contract Line Item No. (CLIN)	Item Description	Price Per Unit	Estimated Quantity	Total Estimated Price
CLIN 0001	Human Resources/Data Technician	\$ per Hour	4	\$
Grand Total for B.3.3				\$

#### SECTION C: SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

#### C.1 SCOPE:

The Board has a need for up to four (4) temporary Human Resources/Data Technicians for the Data Reclamation project. These positions will work at various District of Columbia agencies.

The primary purpose of this position is to perform duties involved in the collection, interpretation, documentation, and input of human resource and employment data in support of assigned project tasks. Additionally, this position may assist in the development and/or extrapolation of data through observation, interviews and analysis of human resource and employment records.

Incumbent works under the general supervision of the Project Manager who coordinates assignments in terms of scope and objectives. The incumbent carries out the assignment(s), both independently and within the framework of a team, given predefined and established protocols while exhibiting initiative, judgment and resourcefulness. Keeps Project Manager informed of progress and of potentially controversial matters that may require changes in approach. Completed work is reviewed from an overall performance perspective in terms of timeliness, accuracy and effectiveness in meeting requirements and/or expected results. Bidders must provide a resume of all potential candidates for these positions detailing conformance with required skills, qualifications, education and preferred skills (if applicable).

# C.2 REQUIREMENTS

- **C.2.1** In addition to those responsibilities listed above, incumbent may perform the following duties:
  - a) Interprets documentation found in hard copy and electronic personnel files
  - b) Analyzes human resource and employment data to recognize trends and draw conclusions
  - c) Assists in the digitization of paper based employment records as applicable

- d) Interacts with various staff levels on matters regarding data collection and/or entry
- e) Coordinates and/or participates in the entering of data in databases or HRIS systems
- f) Maintains accurate records and documentation of data processed
- g) Submits weekly status reports summarizing activities completed
- h) Recommends new methods for collection and documentation of data if applicable
- i) Assists in the preparation of reports and analysis on identified trends in the data sets
- j) Reviews discrepancies in data received, and requests clarification
- k) Performs data verification routines as instructed
- 1) Performs other work duties incidental to the work contained herein

#### C.2.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of three years of human resource and analytical experience in the areas of retirement, benefits, compensation, HRIS or any function in human resources that is responsible for the maintenance of employment history. Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources/Human Capital, Business Administration Information Technology, Engineering, Math, Statistics, or related field that demonstrates ability to perform duties.

#### C.2.2.1REQUIRED SKILLS:

- a) Proficient in the utilization of spreadsheets
- b) Ability to utilize Microsoft Office
- c) Ability to analyze employment records and resolve data discrepancies
- d) Ability to interpret records to extract the necessary information
- e) Attention to detail
- f) Ability to clearly document and/or follow-up on all assigned tasks
- g) Intermediate math skills including calculations using fractions, percent or ratios
- h) Ability to understand complex, multi-step written and/or oral instructions
- i) Ability to work with data of varied types and formats
- j) Demonstrated problem solving skills
- k) Excellent interpersonal and communication (written and verbal) skills
- 1) Ability to spot trends in electronic and paper forms

#### C.2.2.2PREFERRED SKILLS:

- a) Familiarity with Federal and/or District of Columbia forms and employment records
- b) Experience working in a Human Resources Department Environment
- c) Experience working in a PMO environment

- d) Understanding of data analytics
- e) Understanding of simple databases
- f) Demonstrated ability to use deductive logic in solving data issues

# **SECTION D:** PACKAGING AND MARKING (NOT USED)

**D.1** The packaging and marking requirements for this contract shall be governed by clause number (2), Shipping Instructions-Consignment, of the District of Columbia Retirement Board Standard Contract Provisions for use with Supplies and Services Contracts, dated October 2011.

#### SECTION E: INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

**E.1** The inspection and acceptance requirements for this contract shall be governed by clause number (6), Inspection of Services of the Government of the District of Columbia's Retirement Board's Standard Contract Provisions for use with Supplies and Services Contracts, dated October 2011.

#### SECTION F: PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERABLES

#### F.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The term of the contract shall be for a period of 180 days from date of award specified on the cover page of this contract.

#### F.2 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT

- **F.2.1** The Board may extend the term of this contract for a period of two (2) 180 day option periods, or successive fractions thereof, by written notice to the Contractor before the expiration of the contract; provided that the Board will give the Contractor preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least thirty (30) days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the District to an extension. The exercise of this option is subject to the availability of funds at the time of the exercise of this option. The Contractor may waive the thirty (30) day preliminary notice requirement by providing a written waiver to the Contracting Officer prior to expiration of the contract.
- **F.2.2** If the Board exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision.
- **F.2.3** The price for the option period(s) shall be as specified in the Section B of the contract.
- **F.2.4** The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 540 calendar days.

#### SECTION G: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

#### G.1 INVOICE PAYMENT

- **G.1.1** The Board will make payments to the Contractor, upon the submission of proper invoices, at the prices stipulated in this contract, for supplies delivered and accepted or services performed and accepted, less any discounts, allowances or adjustments provided for in this contract.
- **G.1.2** The Board will pay the Contractor on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day after receiving a proper invoice from the Contractor.

#### G.2 INVOICE SUBMITTAL

**G.2.1** The Contractor shall submit proper invoices on a monthly basis or as otherwise specified in Section G.4. Invoices shall be prepared in duplicate and submitted to the agency Chief Financial Officer with concurrent copies to the Contract Administrator (CA) specified in Section G.9 below. The address of the CFO is:

District of Columbia Retirement Board Attn: Bonnie Rivers, Financial Specialist 900 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20001 (202) 343-3200

- **G.2.2** To constitute a proper invoice, the Contractor shall submit the following information on the invoice:
- **G.2.2.1** Contractor's name, federal tax ID and invoice date (date invoices as of the date of mailing or transmittal);
- **G.2.2.2** Contract number and invoice number;
- **G.2.2.3** Description, price, quantity and the date(s) that the supplies or services were delivered or performed;
- **G.2.2.4** Other supporting documentation or information, as required by the Contracting Officer;
- **G.2.2.5** Name, title, telephone number and complete mailing address of the responsible official to whom payment is to be sent;
- **G.2.2.6** Name, title, phone number of person preparing the invoice;
- **G.2.2.7** Name, title, phone number and mailing address of person (if different from the person identified in G.2.2.6 above) to be notified in the event of a defective invoice; and
- **G.2.2.8** Authorized signature.

# G.3 FIRST SOURCE AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT

- **G.3.1** For contracts subject to the 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements, final request for payment must be accompanied by the report or a waiver of compliance discussed in section H.5.5.
- **G.3.2** The District shall not make final payment to the Contractor until the agency CFO has received the Contracting Officer's final determination or approval of waiver of the Contractor's compliance with 51% District Residents New Hires Requirements and First Source Employment Agreement requirements.

#### G.4 PAYMENT

#### **G4.1** Partial Payments

Unless otherwise specified in this contract, payment will be made on partial deliveries of good and services accepted by Board if:

- (a) The amount due on the deliveries warrants it; or
- (b) The Contractor requests it and the amount due on the deliveries is in accordance with the following:

"Payment will be made on completion and acceptance of each percentage or stage of work in accordance with the prices stated in the Schedule in Section B"; and

(c) Presentation of a properly executed invoice.

#### G.5 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS

- **G.5.1** In accordance with 27 DCMR 3250, the Contractor may assign to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution funds due or to become due as a result of the performance of this contract.
- **G.5.2** Any assignment shall cover all unpaid amounts payable under this contract, and shall not be made to more than one party.
- **G.5.3** Notwithstanding an assignment of contract payments, the Contractor, not the assignee, is required to prepare invoices. Where such an assignment has been made, the original copy of the invoice must refer to the assignment and must show that payment of the invoice is to be made directly to the assignee as follows:

"Pursuant to the instrument of assignment dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, make payment of this invoice to (name and address of assignee)."

# G.6 THE QUICK PAYMENT CLAUSE

#### **G.6.1** Interest Penalties to Contractors

- **G.6.1.1** The Board will pay interest penalties on amounts due to the Contractor under the Quick Payment Act, D.C. Official Code §2-221.01 *et seq.*, for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment of the amount is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:
  - a) the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
  - b) the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
  - c) the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the required payment date for any other item.
- **G.6.1.2** Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

#### **G.6.2** Payments to Subcontractors

- **G.6.2.1** The Contractor must take one of the following actions within seven (7) days of receipt of any amount paid to the Contractor by the Board for work performed by any subcontractor under this contract:
  - a) Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the Board that is attributable to the subcontractor for work performed under the contract; or
  - b) Notify the Board and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or part of the subcontractor's payment and state the reason for the nonpayment.
- **G.6.2.2** The Contractor must pay any subcontractor or supplier interest penalties on amounts due to the subcontractor or supplier beginning on the day after the payment is due and ending on the date on which the payment is made. Interest shall be calculated at the rate of 1% per month. No interest penalty shall be paid on the following if payment for the completed delivery of the item of property or service is made on or before:
  - a) the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the required payment date for meat or a meat product;
  - b) the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the required payment date for an agricultural commodity; or
  - c) the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the required payment date for any other item.
- **G.6.2.3** Any amount of an interest penalty which remains unpaid by the Contractor at the end of any 30-day period shall be added to the principal amount of the debt to the subcontractor and thereafter interest penalties shall accrue on the added amount.

**G.6.2.4** A dispute between the Contractor and subcontractor relating to the amounts or entitlement of a subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under the Quick Payment Act does not constitute a dispute to which the District of Columbia is a party. The District of Columbia may not be interpleaded in any judicial or administrative proceeding involving such a dispute.

#### **G.6.3** Subcontract requirements

**G.6.3.1** The Contractor shall include in each subcontract under this contract a provision requiring the subcontractor to include in its contract with any lower-tier subcontractor or supplier the payment and interest clauses required under paragraphs (1) and (2) of D.C. Official Code §2-221.02(d).

#### **G.7 CONTRACTING OFFICER (CO)**

Contracts will be entered into and signed on behalf of the Board only by contracting officers. The contact information for the Contracting Officer is:

Eric O. Stanchfield Executive Director and Chief Contracting Officer District of Columbia Retirement Board 900 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20001 (202) 343-3200

#### G.8 AUTHORIZED CHANGES BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

- **G.8.1** The CO is the only person authorized to approve changes in any of the requirements of this contract.
- **G.8.2** The Contractor shall not comply with any order, directive or request that changes or modifies the requirements of this contract, unless issued in writing and signed by the CO.
- **G.8.3** In the event the Contractor effects any change at the instruction or request of any person other than the CO, the change will be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in the contract price to cover any cost increase incurred as a result thereof.

#### **G.9 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR (CA)**

- **G.9.1** The CA is responsible for general administration of the contract and advising the CO as to the Contractor's compliance or noncompliance with the contract. The CA has the responsibility of ensuring the work conforms to the requirements of the contract and such other responsibilities and authorities as may be specified in the contract. These include:
- **G.9.1.1** Keeping the CO fully informed of any technical or contractual difficulties encountered during the performance period and advising the CO of any potential problem areas under the contract;

- **G.9.1.2**Coordinating site entry for Contractor personnel, if applicable;
- **G.9.1.3**Reviewing invoices for completed work and recommending approval by the CO if the Contractor's prices and costs are consistent with the contractual amounts and progress is satisfactory and commensurate with the rate of expenditure;
- **G.9.1.4**Reviewing and approving invoices for deliverables to ensure receipt of goods and services. This includes the timely processing of invoices and vouchers in accordance with the District's payment provisions; and
- **G.9.1.5**Maintaining a file that includes all contract correspondence, modifications, records of inspections (site, data, equipment) and invoice or vouchers.
- **G.9.2** The address and telephone number of the CA is:

Peter Dewar Director, Information Technology District of Columbia Retirement Board 900 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20001 (202) 343-3200

- **G.9.3** The CA shall NOT have the authority to:
  - 1. Award, agree to, or sign any contract, delivery order or task order. Only the CO shall make contractual agreements, commitments or modifications;
  - 2. Grant deviations from or waive any of the terms and conditions of the contract;
  - 3. Increase the dollar limit of the contract or authorize work beyond the dollar limit of the contract.
  - 4. Authorize the expenditure of funds by the Contractor;
  - 5. Change the period of performance; or
  - 6. Authorize the use of Board property, except as specified under the contract.
- **G.9.4** The Contractor will be fully responsible for any changes not authorized in advance, in writing, by the CO; may be denied compensation or other relief for any additional work performed that is not so authorized; and may also be required, at no additional cost to the Board, to take all corrective action necessitated by reason of the unauthorized changes.

# SECTION H: SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

# H.1 HIRING OF DISTRICT RESIDENTS AS APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

- **H.1.1** For all new employment resulting from this contract or subcontracts hereto, as defined in Mayor's Order 83-265 and implementing instructions, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to comply with the following basic goal and objectives for utilization of bona fide residents of the District of Columbia in each project's labor force:
- **H.1.1.1** At least fifty-one (51) percent of apprentices and trainees employed shall be residents of the District of Columbia registered in programs approved by the District of Columbia Apprenticeship Council.
- **H.1.2** The Contractor shall negotiate an Employment Agreement with the Department of Employment Services ("DOES") for jobs created as a result of this contract. The DOES shall be the Contractor's first source of referral for qualified apprentices and trainees in the implementation of employment goals contained in this clause.

#### H.2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE DETERMINATIONS

The Contractor shall be bound by the most current Wage Determination issued by the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Service Contract Act, 41 U.S.C. §351 *et seq.*, and incorporated herein as Section J.2. The Contractor shall be bound by the wage rates for the term of the contract subject to revision as stated herein and in accordance with Section 24 of the SCP. If an option is exercised, the Contractor shall be bound by the applicable wage rates at the time of the exercise of the option. If the option is exercised and the CO obtains a revised wage determination, the revised wage determination is applicable for the option periods and the Contractor may be entitled to an equitable adjustment.

#### H.3 PUBLICITY

The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval from the CO before the Contractor, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after expiration or termination of the contract, make any statement, or issue any material, for publication through any medium of communication, bearing on the work performed or data collected under this contract.

#### H.4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, at D.C. Official Code §2-532 (a-3), requires the District to make available for inspection and copying any record produced or collected pursuant to a District contract with a private contractor to perform a public function, to the same extent as if the record were maintained by the agency on whose behalf the contract is made. If the Contractor receives a request for such information, the Contractor shall immediately send the request to the CA who will provide the request to the FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic responsibility in accordance with the D.C. Freedom of Information Act. If the agency with programmatic responsibility receives a request for a record maintained by the Contractor pursuant to the contract, the CA will forward a copy to the Contractor. In either event, the Contractor is required by law to provide all responsive records to the CA within the timeframe designated by the CA. The FOIA Officer for the agency with programmatic

responsibility will determine the releasability of the records. The District will reimburse the Contractor for the costs of searching and copying the records in accordance with D.C. Official Code §2-532 and Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the *D.C. Municipal Regulations*.

# H.5 51% DISTRICT RESIDENTS NEW HIRES REQUIREMENTS AND FIRST SOURCE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

- **H.5.1** The Contractor shall comply with the First Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984, as amended, D.C. Official Code §2-219.01 *et seq.* ("First Source Act").
- **H.5.2** The Contractor shall enter into and maintain, during the term of the contract, a First Source Employment Agreement, (Section J.4) in which the Contractor shall agree that:
  - (1) The first source for finding employees to fill all jobs created in order to perform this contract shall be the DOES; and
  - (2) The first source for finding employees to fill any vacancy occurring in all jobs covered by the First Source Employment Agreement shall be the First Source Register.
- **H.5.3** The Contractor shall submit to DOES, no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month following execution of the contract, a First Source Agreement Contract Compliance Report ("contract compliance report") to verify its compliance with the First Source Agreement for the preceding month. The contract compliance report for the contract shall include the:
  - (1) Number of employees needed;
  - (2) Number of current employees transferred;
  - (3) Number of new job openings created;
  - (4) Number of job openings listed with DOES;
  - (5) Total number of all District residents hired for the reporting period and the cumulative total number of District residents hired; and
  - (6) Total number of all employees hired for the reporting period and the cumulative total number of employees hired, including:
    - (a) Name;
    - (b) Social security number;
    - (c) Job title;
    - (d) Hire date:
    - (e) Residence; and
    - (f) Referral source for all new hires.
- **H.5.4** If the contract amount is equal to or greater than \$100,000, the Contractor agrees that 51% of the new employees hired for the contract shall be District residents.
- **H.5.5** With the submission of the Contractor's final request for payment from the District, the Contractor shall:
  - (1) Document in a report to the CO the Contractor's compliance with section H.5.4 of this clause; or
  - (2) Submit a request to the CO for a waiver of compliance with section H.5.4 and include the following documentation:

- (a) Material supporting a good faith effort to comply;
- (b) Referrals provided by DOES and other referral sources;
- (c) Advertisement of job openings listed with DOES and other referral sources; and
- (d) Any documentation supporting the waiver request pursuant to section H.5.6.

#### **H.5.6** The CO may waive the provisions of section H.5.4 if the CO finds that:

- (1) A good faith effort to comply is demonstrated by the Contractor;
- (2) The Contractor is located outside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area and none of the contract work is performed inside the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes the District of Columbia; the Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fairfax, and Fredericksburg, the Virginia Counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Loudoun, Stafford, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, and King George; the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, Charles, Frederick, and Calvert; and the West Virginia Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson.
- (3) The Contractor enters into a special workforce development training or placement arrangement with DOES; or
- (4) DOES certifies that there are insufficient numbers of District residents in the labor market possessing the skills required by the positions created as a result of the contract.
- **H.5.7** Upon receipt of the Contractor's final payment request and related documentation pursuant to sections H.5.5 and H.5.6, the CO shall determine whether the Contractor is in compliance with section H.5.4 or whether a waiver of compliance pursuant to section H.5.6 is justified. If the CO determines that the Contractor is in compliance, or that a waiver of compliance is justified, the CO shall, within two business days of making the determination forward a copy of the determination to the agency Chief Financial Officer and the CA.
- **H.5.8** Willful breach of the First Source Employment Agreement, or failure to submit the report pursuant to section H.5.5, or deliberate submission of falsified data, may be enforced by the CO through imposition of penalties, including monetary fines of 5% of the total amount of the direct and indirect labor costs of the contract. The Contractor shall make payment to DOES. The Contractor may appeal to the D.C. Contract Appeals Board as provided in this contract any decision of the CO pursuant to this section H.5.8.
- **H.5.9** The provisions of sections H.5.4 through H.5.8 do not apply to nonprofit organizations.

#### H.6 SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, as amended.

During the performance of the contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. This Act prohibits discrimination against disabled people in federally funded programs and activities. See 29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq*.

# H.7 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA)

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall comply with the ADA. The ADA makes it unlawful to discriminate in employment against a qualified individual with a disability. See 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq*.

#### H.8 WAY TO WORK AMENDMENT ACT OF 2006

- **H.8.1** Except as described in H.8.8 below, the Contractor shall comply with Title I of the Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-118, D.C. Official Code §2-220.01 *et seq.*) ("Living Wage Act of 2006"), for contracts for services in the amount of \$100,000 or more in a 12-month period.
- **H.8.2** The Contractor shall pay its employees and subcontractors who perform services under the contract no less than the current living wage published on the OCP website at www.ocp.dc.gov.
- **H.8.3** The Contractor shall include in any subcontract for \$15,000 or more a provision requiring the subcontractor to pay its employees who perform services under the contract no less than the current living wage rate.
- **H.8.4** The DOES may adjust the living wage annually and the Office of Contracting and Procurement will publish the current living wage rate on its website at www.ocp.dc.gov.
- **H.8.5** The Contractor shall provide a copy of the Fact Sheet attached as J.6 to each employee and subcontractor who performs services under the contract. The Contractor shall also post the Notice attached as J.5 in a conspicuous place in its place of business. The Contractor shall include in any subcontract for \$15,000 or more a provision requiring the subcontractor to post the Notice in a conspicuous place in its place of business.
- **H.8.6** The Contractor shall maintain its payroll records under the contract in the regular course of business for a period of at least three (3) years from the payroll date, and shall include this requirement in its subcontracts for \$15,000 or more under the contract.
- **H.8.7** The payment of wages required under the Living Wage Act of 2006 shall be consistent with and subject to the provisions of D.C. Official Code §32-1301 *et seq*.
- **H.8.8** The requirements of the Living Wage Act of 2006 do not apply to:
  - (1) Contracts or other agreements that are subject to higher wage level determinations required by federal law;
  - (2) Existing and future collective bargaining agreements, provided, that the future collective bargaining agreement results in the employee being paid no less than the established living wage;
  - (3) Contracts for electricity, telephone, water, sewer or other services provided by a regulated utility;
  - (4) Contracts for services needed immediately to prevent or respond to a disaster or imminent threat to public health or safety declared by the Mayor;
  - (5) Contracts or other agreements that provide trainees with additional services including, but not limited to, case management and job readiness services; provided that the trainees do not replace employees subject to the Living Wage Act of 2006;

- (6) An employee under 22 years of age employed during a school vacation period, or enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the respective institution, who is in high school or at an accredited institution of higher education and who works less than 25 hours per week; provided that he or she does not replace employees subject to the Living Wage Act of 2006;
- (7) Tenants or retail establishments that occupy property constructed or improved by receipt of government assistance from the District of Columbia; provided, that the tenant or retail establishment did not receive direct government assistance from the District;
- (8) Employees of nonprofit organizations that employ not more than 50 individuals and qualify for taxation exemption pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, approved August 16, 1954 (68A Stat. 163; 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3);
- (9) Medicaid provider agreements for direct care services to Medicaid recipients, provided, that the direct care service is not provided through a home care agency, a community residence facility, or a group home for mentally retarded persons as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Health-Care and Community Residence Facility, Hospice, and Home Care Licensure Act of 1983, effective February 24, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-48; D.C. Official Code § 44-501); and (10) Contracts or other agreements between managed care organizations and the Health Care

Safety Net Administration or the Medicaid Assistance Administration to provide health services.

**H.8.9** The Mayor may exempt a contractor from the requirements of the Living Wage Act of 2006, subject to the approval of Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 109 of the

# **H.9** SUBCONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS (Not Applicable)

# **H.9.1** Mandatory Subcontracting Requirements

Living Wage Act of 2006.

- **H.9.1.1** For contracts in excess of \$250,000, at least 35% of the dollar volume shall be subcontracted to certified small business enterprises; provided, however, that the costs of materials, goods, and supplies shall not be counted towards the 35% subcontracting requirement unless such materials, goods and supplies are purchased from certified small business enterprises.
- **H.9.1.2** If there are insufficient qualified small business enterprises to completely fulfill the requirement of paragraph H.9.1.1, then the subcontracting may be satisfied by subcontracting 35% of the dollar volume to any certified business enterprises; provided, however, that all reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that qualified small business enterprises are significant participants in the overall subcontracting work.
- **H.9.1.3** A prime contractor which is certified as a small, local or disadvantaged business enterprise shall not be required to comply with the provisions of sections H.9.1.1 and H.9.1.2.

# H.9.2 Subcontracting Plan

If the prime contractor is required by law to subcontract under this contract, it must subcontract at least 35% of the dollar volume of this contract in accordance with the provisions of section H.9.1. The prime contractor responding to this solicitation which is required to subcontract shall be required to submit with its bid, a notarized statement detailing its subcontracting plan.

Bids responding to this IFB shall be deemed nonresponsive and shall be rejected if the bidder is required to subcontract, but fails to submit a subcontracting plan with its bid. Once the plan is approved by the CO, changes to the plan will only occur with the prior written approval of the CO and the Director of DSLBD. Each subcontracting plan shall include the following:

- **H.9.2.1** A description of the goods and services to be provided by SBEs or, if insufficient qualified SBEs are available, by any certified business enterprises;
- **H.9.2.2** A statement of the dollar value of the bid that pertains to the subcontracts to be performed by the SBEs or, if insufficient qualified SBEs are available, by any certified business enterprises;
- **H.9.2.3** The names and addresses of all proposed subcontractors who are SBEs or, if insufficient SBEs are available, who are certified business enterprises;
- **H.9.2.4** The name of the individual employed by the prime contractor who will administer the subcontracting plan, and a description of the duties of the individual;
- **H.9.2.5** A description of the efforts the prime contractor will make to ensure that SBEs, or, if insufficient SBEs are available, that certified business enterprises will have an equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts;
- **H.9.2.6** In all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities, assurances that the prime contractor will include a statement, approved by the contracting officer, that the subcontractor will adopt a subcontracting plan similar to the subcontracting plan required by the contract;
- **H.9.2.7** Assurances that the prime contractor will cooperate in any studies or surveys that may be required by the contracting officer, and submit periodic reports, as requested by the contracting officer, to allow the District to determine the extent of compliance by the prime contractor with the subcontracting plan;
- **H.9.2.8** A list of the type of records the prime contractor will maintain to demonstrate procedures adopted to comply with the requirements set forth in the subcontracting plan, and assurances that the prime contractor will make such records available for review upon the District's request; and
- **H.9.2.9** A description of the prime contractor's recent effort to locate SBEs or, if insufficient SBEs are available, certified business enterprises, and to award subcontracts to them.
- **H.9.3** Subcontracting Plan Compliance Reporting. If the Contractor has an approved subcontracting plan required by law under this contract, the Contractor shall submit to the CO and the Director of DSLBD, no later than the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month following execution of the contract, a Subcontracting Plan Compliance Report to verify its compliance with the subcontracting requirements for the preceding month. The monthly subcontracting plan compliance report shall include the following information:
- **H.9.3.1** The dollar amount of the contract or procurement;

- **H.9.3.2** A brief description of the goods procured or the services contracted for;
- **H.9.3.3** The name of the business enterprise from which the goods were procured or services contracted;
- **H.9.3.4** Whether the subcontractors to the contract are currently certified business enterprises;
- **H.9.3.5** The dollar percentage of the contract awarded to SBEs, or if insufficient SBEs, to other certified business enterprises;
- **H.9.3.6** A description of the activities the Contractor engaged in, in order to achieve the subcontracting requirements set forth in its plan; and
- **H.9.3.7** A description of any changes to the activities the Contractor intends to make by the next month to achieve the requirements set forth in its plan.

# **H.9.4** Subcontractor Standards

**H.9.4.1**A prime contractor shall ensure that subcontractors meet the criteria for responsibility described in D.C. Official Code § 2-353.01.

# **H.9.5** Enforcement and Penalties for Breach of Subcontracting Plan

- **H.9.5.1** If during the performance of this contract, the Contractor fails to comply with its approved subcontracting plan, and the CO determines the Contractor's failure to be a material breach of the contract, the CO shall have cause to terminate the contract under the default clause of the Standard Contract Provisions.
- **H.9.5.2** There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a contractor willfully breached its approved subcontracting plan if the contractor (i) fails to submit any required monitoring or compliance report; or (ii) submits a monitoring or compliance report with the intent to defraud.
- **H.9.5.3** A contractor that is found to have willfully breached its approved subcontracting plan for utilization of certified business enterprises in the performance of a contract shall be subject to the imposition of penalties, including monetary fines of \$15,000 or 5% of the total amount of the work that the contractor was to subcontract to certified business enterprises, whichever is greater, for each such breach.

#### H.10 DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board will provide the Contractor with office space, furnishing, supplies, and a telephone at its onsite or satellite offices.

The Board will provide complete systems and products documentation, to the successful Contractor after contract award. The Board will provide appropriate access to applications and

systems to the Contractor's staff working on the applications and systems in accordance with IT security procedures

#### H.11 SECURITY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

Due to the sensitive nature of the information and system that the Bidder's staff will be supporting, a background check shall be performed on all key personnel and employees who are assigned to work on this contract. The Bidder shall not assign anyone to work on this contract and shall immediately remove from work on this contract anyone who has been convicted within the past seven years of fraud or any felony or who is currently under an arrest warrant. Any exception to this policy must be approved in writing by the Contracting Officer.

The background check must be returned in a favorable status prior to the Bidder commencing work on the contract. The Board will sponsor the background check, but the cost of the background check will be reimbursed by the Bidder to the Board within thirty days of the result of the background check received by the Bidder. The current cost of the background check is \$100 per each applicant.

In addition to the aforementioned requirement, the Bidder and all key personnel must execute a confidentiality statement.

#### SECTION I: CONTRACT CLAUSES

#### I.1 APPLICABILITY OF STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS

The Standard Contract Provisions for use with District of Columbia Retirement Board Supplies and Services Contracts dated October 2011 ("SCP") are incorporated as part of the contract and is attached to this solicitation.

#### I.2 CONTRACTS THAT CROSS FISCAL YEARS

Continuation of this contract beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon future fiscal appropriations.

#### I.3 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The Contractor shall keep all information relating to any employee or customer of the Board in absolute confidence and shall not use the information in connection with any other matters; nor shall it disclose any such information to any other person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the District and federal laws governing the confidentiality of records.

#### I.4 TIME

Time, if stated in a number of days, will include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, unless otherwise stated herein.

#### I.5 RIGHTS IN DATA

- **I.5.1** "Data," as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost or pricing, or management information.
- I.5.2 The term "Technical Data", as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or characteristic, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research, experimental, developmental or engineering work, or be usable or used to define a design or process or to procure, produce, support, maintain, or operate material. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media such as drawings or photographs, text in specifications or related performance or design type documents or computer printouts. Examples of technical data include research and engineering data, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, and computer software documentation. Technical data does not include computer software or financial, administrative, cost and pricing, and management data or other information incidental to contract administration.
- **I.5.3** The term "Computer Software", as used herein means computer programs and computer databases. "Computer Programs", as used herein means a series of instructions or statements in a form acceptable to a computer, designed to cause the computer to execute an operation or operations. "Computer Programs" include operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, data management systems, utility programs, sort merge programs, and automated data processing equipment maintenance diagnostic programs, as well as applications programs such as payroll, inventory control and engineering analysis programs. Computer programs may be either machine-dependent or machine-independent, and may be general purpose in nature or designed to satisfy the requirements of a particular user.
- **I.5.4** The term "computer databases", as used herein, means a collection of data in a form capable of being processed and operated on by a computer.
- I.5.5 All data first produced in the performance of this Contract shall be the sole property of the Board. The Contractor hereby acknowledges that all data, including, without limitation, computer program codes, produced by Contractor for the Board under this Contract, are works made for hire and are the sole property of the Board; but, to the extent any such data may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, Contractor hereby transfers and assigns to the Board the ownership of copyright in such works, whether published or unpublished. The Contractor agrees to give the Board all assistance reasonably necessary to perfect such rights including, but not limited to, the works and supporting documentation and the execution of any instrument required to register copyrights. The Contractor agrees not to assert any rights in common law or in equity in such data. The Contractor shall not publish or reproduce such data in whole or in part or in any manner or form, or authorize others to do so, without written consent of the Board until such time as the Board may have released such data to the public.
- **I.5.6** The Board will have restricted rights in data, including computer software and all accompanying documentation, manuals and instructional materials, listed or described in a license or agreement

made a part of this contract, which the parties have agreed will be furnished with restricted rights, provided however, notwithstanding any contrary provision in any such license or agreement, such restricted rights shall include, as a minimum the right to:

- **I.5.6.1** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with the computer for which or with which it was acquired, including use at any Board installation to which the computer may be transferred by the Board.
- **I.5.6.2** Use the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials with a backup computer if the computer for which or with which it was acquired is inoperative;
- **I.5.6.3** Copy computer programs for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes; and modify the computer software and all accompanying documentation and manuals or instructional materials, or combine it with other software, subject to the provision that the modified portions shall remain subject to these restrictions.
- **I.5.7** The restricted rights set forth in section I.5.6 are of no effect unless
  - (i) the data is marked by the Contractor with the following legend: **RESTRICTED RIGHTS LEGEND**

Use,	duplication,	or	disclosure	is	subject	to	restrictions	stated	in	Contract
No			with	(Co	ontractor'	s Na	ame); and			

- (ii) If the data is computer software, the related computer software documentation includes a prominent statement of the restrictions applicable to the computer software. The Contractor may not place any legend on the computer software indicating restrictions on the Board's rights in such software unless the restrictions are set forth in a license or agreement made a part of the contract prior to the delivery date of the software. Failure of the Contractor to apply a restricted rights legend to such computer software shall relieve the Board of liability with respect to such unmarked software.
- **I.5.8** In addition to the rights granted in Section I.5.6 above, the Contractor hereby grants to the Board a nonexclusive, paid-up license throughout the world, of the same scope as restricted rights set forth in Section I.5.6 above, under any copyright owned by the Contractor, in any work of authorship prepared for or acquired by the Board under this contract. Unless written approval of the Contracting Officer is obtained, the Contractor shall not include in technical data or computer software prepared for or acquired by the Board under this contract any works of authorship in which copyright is not owned by the Contractor without acquiring for the Board any rights necessary to perfect a copyright license of the scope specified in the first sentence of this paragraph.
- **I.5.9** Whenever any data, including computer software, are to be obtained from a subcontractor under this contract, the Contractor shall use this clause, I.5, Rights in Data, in the subcontract, without alteration, and no other clause shall be used to enlarge or diminish the Board's or the

Contractor's rights in that subcontractor data or computer software which is required for the Board.

- **I.5.10** For all computer software furnished to the Board with the rights specified in Section I.5.5, the Contractor shall furnish to the Board, a copy of the source code with such rights of the scope specified in Section I.5.5. For all computer software furnished to the Board with the restricted rights specified in Section I.5.6, the Board, if the Contractor, either directly or through a successor or affiliate shall cease to provide the maintenance or warranty services provided the Board under this contract or any paid-up maintenance agreement, or if Contractor should be declared bankrupt or insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall have the right to obtain, for its own and sole use only, a single copy of the then current version of the source code supplied under this contract, and a single copy of the documentation associated therewith, upon payment to the person in control of the source code the reasonable cost of making each copy.
- **I.5.11** The Contractor shall indemnify and save and hold harmless the Board, its officers, agents and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, (i) for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under this contract, or (ii) based upon any data furnished under this contract, or based upon libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.
- **I.5.12** Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the Board under any patent, or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Board under any patent.
- **I.5.13** Paragraphs I.5.6, I.5.7, I.5.8, I.5.11 and I.5.12 above are not applicable to material furnished to the Contractor by the Board and incorporated in the work furnished under contract, provided that such incorporated material is identified by the Contractor at the time of delivery of such work.

#### I.6 OTHER CONTRACTORS

The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act that will interfere with the performance of work by another Board contractor or by any Board employee.

#### I.7 SUBCONTRACTS

The Contractor hereunder shall not subcontract any of the Contractor's work or services to any subcontractor without the prior written consent of the CO. Any work or service so subcontracted shall be performed pursuant to a subcontract agreement, which the Board will have the right to review and approve prior to its execution by the Contractor. Any such subcontract shall specify that the Contractor and the subcontractor shall be subject to every provision of this contract. Notwithstanding any such subcontract approved by the Board, the Contractor shall remain liable to the Board for all Contractor's work and services required hereunder.

#### I.8 INSURANCE

- GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. The Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the Α. entire period of performance under this contract, the types of insurance specified below. The Contractor shall have its insurance broker or insurance company submit a Certificate of Insurance to the CO giving evidence of the required coverage prior to commencing performance under this contract. In no event shall any work be performed until the required Certificates of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s) have been provided to, and accepted by, the CO. All insurance shall be written with financially responsible companies authorized to do business in the District of Columbia or in the jurisdiction where the work is to be performed and have an A.M. Best Company rating of A-VIII or higher. The Contractor shall require all of its subcontractors to carry the same insurance required herein. The Contractor shall ensure that all policies provide that the CO shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event the stated limit in the declarations page of the policy is reduced via endorsement or the policy is canceled prior to the expiration date shown on the certificate. The Contractor shall provide the CO with ten (10) days prior written notice in the event of non-payment of premium.
  - 1. Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the CO with respect to the services performed that it carries \$1,000,000 per occurrence limits; \$2,000,000 aggregate; Bodily Injury and Property Damage including, but not limited to: premises-operations; broad form property damage; Products and Completed Operations; Personal and Advertising Injury; contractual liability and independent contractors. The policy coverage shall include the District of Columbia as an additional insured, shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance maintained by the District of Columbia, and shall contain a waiver of subrogation. The Contractor shall maintain Completed Operations coverage for five (5) years following final acceptance of the work performed under this contract.
  - 2. <u>Automobile Liability Insurance</u>. The Contractor shall provide automobile liability insurance to cover all owned, hired or non-owned motor vehicles used in conjunction with the performance of this contract. The policy shall provide a \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.
  - 3. <u>Workers' Compensation Insurance</u>. The Contractor shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory mandates of the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which the contract is performed.
  - 4. <u>Employer's Liability Insurance</u>. The Contractor shall provide employer's liability insurance as follows: \$500,000 per accident for injury; \$500,000 per employee for disease; and \$500,000 for policy disease limit.
- B. DURATION. The Contractor shall carry all required insurance until all contract work is accepted by the Board, and shall carry the required General Liability; any required Professional

Liability; and any required Employment Practices Liability insurance for five (5) years following final acceptance of the work performed under this contract.

- C. LIABILITY. These are the required minimum insurance requirements established by the District of Columbia. HOWEVER, THE REQUIRED MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED ABOVE WILL NOT IN ANY WAY LIMIT THE CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS CONTRACT.
- D. CONTRACTOR'S PROPERTY. Contractor and subcontractors are solely responsible for any loss or damage to their personal property, including but not limited to tools and equipment, scaffolding and temporary structures, rented machinery, or owned and leased equipment. A waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of the District of Columbia.
- E. MEASURE OF PAYMENT. The Board shall not make any separate measure or payment for the cost of insurance and bonds. The Contractor shall include all of the costs of insurance and bonds in the contract price.
- F. NOTIFICATION. The Contractor shall immediately provide the CO with written notice in the event that its insurance coverage has or will be substantially changed, canceled or not renewed, and provide an updated certificate of insurance to the CO.
- G. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. The Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverage as specified in this section prior to commencing work. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted to:

Yolanda Smith Contract Specialist District of Columbia Retirement Board 900 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20001 (202) 343-3200

H. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION. The Contractor agrees that the District may disclose the name and contact information of its insurers to any third party which presents a claim against the Board for any damages or claims resulting from or arising out of work performed by the Contractor, its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the performance of this contract.

# I.9 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with the District of Columbia Administrative Issuance System, Mayor's Order 85-85 dated June 10, 1985, the forms for completion of the Equal Employment Opportunity Information Report are incorporated herein as Section J.3. An award cannot be made to any bidder who has not satisfied the equal employment requirements.

#### I.10 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The contract awarded as a result of this IFB will contain the following clause:

#### ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

A conflict in language shall be resolved by giving precedence to the document in the highest order of priority that contains language addressing the issue in question. The following documents are incorporated into the contract by reference and made a part of the contract in the following order of precedence:

- (1) An applicable Court Order, if any
- (2) Contract document
- (3) Standard Contract Provisions
- (4) Contract attachments other than the Standard Contract Provisions
- (5) IFB, as amended
- (6) Bid

#### I.11 GOVERNING LAW

This contract, and any disputes arising out of or related to this contract, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the District of Columbia.

#### **SECTION J: ATTACHMENTS**

The following list of attachments is incorporated into the solicitation by reference.

Attachment Number	Document
J.1	District of Columbia Retirement Board Standard Contract Provisions for Use with the Supplies and Services Contracts (October 2011)
J.2	U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination WD 05-2104 (Rev14)
J.3	Office of Local Business Development Equal Employment Opportunity Information Report and Mayor's Order 85-85 available at <a href="https://www.ocp.dc.gov">www.ocp.dc.gov</a> click on "Solicitation Attachments"
J.4	Department of Employment Services First Source Employment Agreement available at <a href="https://www.ocp.dc.gov">www.ocp.dc.gov</a> click on "Solicitation Attachments"
J.5	Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006 - Living Wage Notice

Attachment Number	Document
J.6	Way to Work Amendment Act of 2006 - Living Wage Fact Sheet
J.7	Tax Certification Affidavit – Living Wage Fact Sheet (2010) Available at <a href="https://www.ocp.dc.gov">www.ocp.dc.gov</a> click on "Solicitation Attachments"
J.8	Bidder/Offeror Certifications available at <a href="https://www.ocp.dc.gov">www.ocp.dc.gov</a> click on "Solicitation Attachments"

# SECTION K: REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF BIDDERS

Bidder/Offeror Certification Form

available at www.ocp.dc.gov click on "Solicitation Attachments"

# SECTION L: INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

#### L.1 METHOD OF AWARD

- **L.1.1** The Board reserves the right to accept/reject any/all bids resulting from this solicitation. The Contracting Officer may reject all bids or waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received whenever it is determined that such action is in the best interest of the Board. Based on resumes provided the Board reserves the right to interview perspective candidates to determine if the potential candidate possesses requirements in accordance with section C of the solicitation. In addition, the Board reserves the right to test candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities in accordance with the requirements in section C of the solicitation.
- **L.1.2** The Board intends to award a single contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsive and responsible bidder who has the lowest bid.

#### L.2 PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

- **L.2.1** One original and one (1) copy of the written bid shall be submitted. Bids shall be typewritten in 12 point font size on 8.5" by 11" bond paper. In addition, bids shall be submitted electronically via USB thumb drive. Telephonic, telegraphic, and facsimile proposals will not be accepted. Each proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope conspicuously marked: "Bid in Response to Solicitation No. DCRB-13-005 Human Resources/Data Technicians for the Data Reclamation Project".
- L.2.2 All electronic attachments shall be submitted as a .pdf file. The Board will not be responsible for corruption of any file submitted. If the submitted file cannot be viewed and printed as submitted, it will not be considered. Please note that each attachment is limited to a maximum size of 25 MB.
- **L.2.2** The Board may reject as non-responsive any bid that fails to conform in any material respect to the IFB.
- **L.2.3** The Board may also reject as non-responsive any bids submitted on forms not included in or required by the solicitation. Bidders shall make no changes to the requirements set forth in the solicitation.
- **L.2.4** The bidder must bid on all CLINs to be considered for this award. Failure to bid on all CLINs will render the bid non-responsive and disqualify a bid.
- **L.2.5** The bidders shall complete, sign and submit all Representations, Certifications and Acknowledgments as appropriate. Failure to do so may result in a bid rejection.

#### L.3 FAMILIARIZATION WITH CONDITIONS

Bidders shall thoroughly familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of this solicitation, acquainting themselves with all available information regarding difficulties which may be encountered and the conditions under which the work is be accomplished. Bidders will not be relieved from assuming all responsibility for properly estimating the difficulties and the cost of performing the services required herein due to their failure to investigate the conditions or to become acquainted with all information, schedules and liability concerning the services to be performed.

#### L.4 BID SUBMISSION DATE AND TIME

Bids must be no later than the closing date and time. Late bids, modifications to bids, or requests for withdrawals after the closing date and time will not be allowed.

#### L.5 WITHDRAWAL OR MODIFICATION OF BIDS

A bidder may modify or withdraw its bid at any time before the closing date and time for receipt of bids.

#### L.6 LATE SUBMISSIONS, LATE MODIFICATIONS, AND LATE WITHDRAWALS

#### L.6.1 Late Submissions

The Board will not accept late bids or modifications to bids after the closing date and time for receipt of bids.

#### L.6.2 Late Modifications

A late modification of a successful bid which makes its terms more favorable to the Board will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

#### L.7 ERRORS IN BIDS

Bidders are expected to read and understand fully all information and requirements contained in the solicitation; failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk. In event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the unit price shall govern.

# L.8 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION

If a prospective bidder has any questions relative to this solicitation, the prospective bidder shall submit the question electronically via email to <a href="Yolanda.smith@dc.gov">Yolanda.smith@dc.gov</a>. The prospective bidder should submit questions no later than 2:00 pm (EST) on Friday February 15, 2013. The Board may not consider any questions received after 2:00 pm (EST) on Friday February 15, 2013. An amendment to the solicitation will be issued if the CO decides that information is necessary in submitting bids, or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any prospective bidder. Oral

explanations or instructions given by Board officials before the award of the contract will not be binding.

#### L.9 BID PROTESTS

Any actual or prospective offeror or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract, must file with the Contracting Officer a protest no later than five (5) business days after the basis of protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier. A protest based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent at the time set for receipt of initial proposals shall be filed with the Contracting Officer prior to the time set for receipt of initial proposals. In procurements in which proposals are requested, alleged improprieties which do not exist in the initial solicitation, but which are subsequently incorporated into the solicitation, must be protested no later than the next closing time for receipt of proposals following the incorporation. The protest shall be filed in writing. The Contracting Officer shall issue a Final Decision with regard to the protest. An appeal of the Contracting Officer's Final Decision shall be filed only in The Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

#### L.10 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The bidder shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation. The Board must receive the acknowledgment by the date and time specified for receipt of bids. A bidder's failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of its bid.

#### L.11 BIDS WITH OPTION PERIODS

The bidder shall include option year prices in its bid. A bid may be determined to be nonresponsive if it does not include option year pricing.

#### L.12 LEGAL STATUS OF BIDDER

Each bid must provide the following information:

- L.12.1 Name, address, telephone number and federal tax identification number of bidder;
- L.12.2 A copy of each District of Columbia license, registration or certification that the bidder is required by law to obtain. This mandate also requires the bidder to provide a copy of the executed "Clean Hands Certification" that is referenced in D.C. Official Code §47-2862, if the bidder is required by law to make such certification. If the bidder is a corporation or partnership and does not provide a copy of its license, registration or certification to transact business in the District of Columbia, the bid shall certify its intent to obtain the necessary license, registration or certification prior to contract award or its exemption from such requirements; and
- **L.12.3** If the bidder is a partnership or joint venture, the names and addresses of the general partners or individual members of the joint venture, and copies of any joint venture or teaming agreements.

#### L.13 BID OPENING

The Board shall make publicly available, upon request, the name of each bidder, the bid price, and other information that is deemed appropriate.

#### L.14 CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Prior to commencing work, the Contractor shall have its insurance broker or insurance company submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverages as specified in Section I.8 to:

Yolanda Smith, Contracting Specialist 900 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20001 (202) 343-3200/Yolanda.Smith@dc.gov

#### L.15 GENERAL STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The prospective contractor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District its capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements; therefore, the prospective contractor must submit relevant documentation within five (5) days of the request by the District.

# **L.15.1** To be determined responsible, a prospective contractor must demonstrate that it:

- (a) Has adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources, required to perform the contract;
- (b) Is able to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- (c) Has a satisfactory performance record;
- (d) Has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (e) Has a satisfactory record of compliance with the applicable District licensing and tax laws and regulations;
- (f) Has a satisfactory record of compliance with labor and civil rights laws and rules, and the First Source Employment Agreement Act of 1984, as amended, D.C. Official Code §2-219.01 *et seq.*;
- (g) Has, or has the ability to obtain, the necessary organization, experience, accounting, and operational control, and technical skills;

- (h) Has, or has the ability to obtain, the necessary production, construction, technical equipment, and facilities;
- (i) Has not exhibited a pattern of overcharging the District of Columbia;
- (j) Does not have an outstanding debt with the District or the federal government in a delinquent status; and
- (k) Is otherwise qualified and is eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- **L.15.2** If the prospective contractor fails to supply the information requested, the CO shall make the determination of responsibility or nonresponsibility based upon available information. If the available information is insufficient to make a determination of responsibility, the CO shall determine the prospective contractor to be nonresponsible.

#### **SECTION M: EVALUATION FACTORS**

#### M.1. Preferences for Certified Business Enterprises

Under the provisions of the "Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005", as amended, D.C. Official Code § 2-218.01 *et seq*. (the Act), the District shall apply preferences in evaluating bids from businesses that are small, local, disadvantaged, resident-owned, longtime resident, veteran-owned, local manufacturing, or local with a principal office located in an enterprise zone of the District of Columbia.

#### M.1.1. <u>Application of Preferences</u>

For evaluation purposes, the allowable preferences under the Act shall be applicable to prime contractors as follows:

- **M.1.1.1** Any prime contractor that is a small business enterprise (SBE) certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) will receive a three percent (3%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the SBE in response to this Invitation for Bids (IFB).
- **M.1.1.2** Any prime contractor that is a resident-owned business (ROB) certified by DSLBD will receive a five percent (5%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the ROB in response to this IFB.
- **M.1.1.3** Any prime contractor that is a longtime resident business (LRB) certified by DSLBD will receive a five percent (5%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LRB in response to this IFB.

- **M.1.1.4** Any prime contractor that is a local business enterprise (LBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LBE in response to this IFB.
- **L.1.1.5** Any prime contractor that is a local business enterprise with its principal offices located in an enterprise zone (DZE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DZE in response to this IFB.
- **M.1.1.6** Any prime contractor that is a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the DBE in response to this IFB.
- **M.1.1.7** Any prime contractor that is a veteran-owned business (VOB) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the VOB in response to this IFB.
- **M.1.1.8** Any prime contractor that is a local manufacturing business enterprise (LMBE) certified by DSLBD will receive a two percent (2%) reduction in the bid price for a bid submitted by the LMBE in response to this IFB.

#### M.1.2 Maximum Preference Awarded

Notwithstanding the availability of the preceding preferences, the maximum total preference to which a certified business enterprise is entitled under the Act is twelve per cent (12%) for bids submitted in response to this IFB. There will be no preference awarded for subcontracting by the prime contractor with certified business enterprises.

#### **M.1.3 Preferences for Certified Joint Ventures**

When DSLBD certifies a joint venture, the certified joint venture will receive preferences as a prime contractor for categories in which the joint venture and the certified joint venture partner are certified, subject to the maximum preference limitation set forth in the preceding paragraph.

#### M.1.4 <u>Verification of Bidder's Certification as a Certified Business Enterprise</u>

- **M.1.4.1** Any vendor seeking to receive preferences on this solicitation must be certified at the time of submission of its bid. The CO will verify the bidder's certification with DSLBD, and the bidder should not submit with its bid any documentation regarding its certification as a certified business enterprise.
- **M.1.4.2** Any vendor seeking certification or provisional certification in order to receive preferences under this solicitation should contact the:

Department of Small and Local Business Development ATTN: CBE Certification Program 441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 970N Washington DC 20001

**M.1.4.3** All vendors are encouraged to contact DSLBD at (202) 727-3900 if additional information is required on certification procedures and requirements.

#### M.2 EVALUATION OF OPTION PERIODS

The District will evaluate bids for award purposes by evaluating the total price for all options as well as the base period. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the District to exercise them. The total District's requirements may change during the option years. Quantities to be awarded will be determined at the time each option is exercised.